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OKAY TO BE GAY

By TOM CARUSO

WASHINGTON, D.C.—During its annual conference in Washington, D.C., the governing board of the 'American Psychological Association' voted to remove "homosexuality" from its official list of mental disorders.

In taking this action during the weekend of January 24-26, the 'A.P.A.' supported the declassification of "homosexuality" as a "sickness" made by the more prestigious 'American Psychiatric Association' in December 1973. However, the 'American Psychological Association' voted to replace the term "homosexual" with the phrase "persons who engage in homosexual behavior."

In supporting the resolution by a clear majority, the 106 members of the 'A.P.A.'s' "Council of Representatives" took a strong stand on behalf of the Association's approximately 40,000 members. The adopted resolution stated that "homosexual behavior per se implied no impairment in judgment, stability, or general social or vocational capabilities." The 'A.P.A.'s' Council also adopted a statement "deploring all public and private discrimination against persons who engage in homosexual behavior in such areas as employment, housing, public accommodation, and licensing."

In addressing the professional ethics of psychologists and other counselors, the 'A.P.A.' urged "all mental health professionals to take the lead in removing the

stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with homosexual orientation."

The basics of the 'A.P.A.'s' resolution were drafted by the 'Association of Gay Psychologists' in Montreal in August 1973. This group sent their recommendations to the 'A.P.A.'s' Board of Directors, who referred it to the 'A.P.A.'s' 'Board of Ethical and Social Responsibilities.' After studying the proposals and conferring with members of the 'Association of Gay Psychologists', the Board voted it out favorably in October 1974, thus clearing its passage to the 'A.P.A.'s' governing Council.

Dr. Laura Toomey of Connecticut, a Council representative for the 'Division of State Psychologists', expressed her delight over the Council's actions last week to GCN. She also praised the leadership of the "Association of Gay Psychologists" for its effectiveness in getting its proposals accepted. "I was surprised and very much impressed with the speed with which the 'AGP' worked," she said.

Dr. Toomey also expressed her pleasure with the Council's adoption of the inclusive phrase "persons engaging in homosexual behavior" in place of the oft-debated and narrower term "homosexual." "In using this wording," she noted, "our proposal went further than the one made by the 'American Psychiatric Association.'"

NBC Peacock Loves Lavender

NEW YORK—At a summit meeting with members of the gay community January 27, NBC agreed to a new policy which will protect gays from job discrimination at NBC. Employment policy at NBC now includes the following paragraph:

"The National Broadcasting Company, Inc. (NBC) licensee of WNBC-TV, adheres to a firm equal opportunity employment policy. Recruitment, selection, training, assignment, salary, promotion, transfer and discipline of all applicants and employees is done without regard to race, color, sex, religion, sexual preference, national origin or age. Incorporated into NBC's equal opportunity employment policy is affirmative action taken to further develop and utilize the potential and talent of qualified and qualifiable minority and female employees and to more readily identify qualified and qualifiable minorities and females for employment."

This policy is now included in the applications for renewal of licenses of NBC-owned television and radio stations.

NBC plans to hold a series of meetings

on both coasts to allow direct gay input to production personnel and program executives. While this will not guarantee any increase in gay visibility in NBC programs, it will open the way for positive gay images to appear in all areas of TV. Meetings will be held with the News and Documentaries division and another summit meeting is planned in four months. The general atmosphere of the meeting was of mutual cooperation; it seems that "Police-woman"—negative though it was—served to sensitize NBC management to the needs of the gay community in a big hurry!

Ticket prices for the GCN Benefit, Mid-Winter costume ball have been reduced to \$2.50—and the buffet supper has been dropped. It seems there are a lot of people who want to come but have trouble with the price. So—come for \$2.50 and if you sell ten tickets, you'll still get in free. Put on your best party clothes, there'll be prizes for the five best costumes—details next week.

Gardner Blossoms with Gay Testimony



Participants at Gay Hearings in Gardner Auditorium

photo by Jane Picard

By DAVID P. BRILL

BOSTON—For the third time in as many years, the Massachusetts legislature's Commerce and Labor Committee got its chance to hear testimony in support of legislation that would ban discrimination against persons in housing, employment, and public accommodations, on the basis of sexual orientation. The State House was the setting last Tuesday, February 4, as about 400 persons jammed Gardner Auditorium for the event.

The Committee was hearing testimony on two duplicate bills, H.2848 and S.272, both entitled An Act Making it Unlawful to Discriminate on the Basis of Sexual Orientation, filed by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Boston) and Senator Robert A. Hall (R-Lunenburg), respectively, along with eighteen other members of the legislature.

Rep. James B. Segel (D-Brookline), a co-sponsor of each anti-discrimination measure, stated that "The time is overdue for change," as he started the procession of legislators present to support the bills. He was subsequently followed by Rep. Paul E. Means (D-Stoneham), Rep. Mary E. Goode (D-Roxbury), Rep. Robert L. Fortes (D-Mattapan), and Rep. Laurence R. Buxbaum (D-Sharon), who also sponsored all of last year's gay rights legislation.

Rep. Barney Frank then took the podium. Despite his sixth-place position in the line of witnesses, Rep. Frank was the first legislator to use the word "gay" in his testimony.

"It is not the political disadvantage that I thought it was," he said, noting that

the biggest winners of the 1974 elections were all on record in support of this same legislation.

At this point in the hearing, Sen. Allan R. McKinnon (D-Weymouth), Chairman of the Joint Commerce and Labor Committee, read the names of several legislators who had asked to be recorded in favor of the gay rights bills, but were unable to personally attend the hearing.

The list included Rep. Philip W. Johnston (D-Marshfield), Senator Edward L. Burke (D-Framingham), Senator Jack H. Backman (D-Brookline), Rep. David J. Mofenson (D-Newton), Rep. Ann C. Gannett (R-Wayland), Rep. Barbara E. Gray (R-Framingham), Senator Michael Lo Presti, Jr. (D-East Boston), and Rep. James G. Collins (D-Amherst).

For the next hour, the Committee heard a variety of speakers in support of various bills to end discrimination against blind and handicapped persons. Linda Guistack, a young, red-haired blind woman, also urged the Committee to pass the gay rights bills before it, and was greeted by a thunderous applause from the audience.

Sole Opponent Leaves

When the time came for the Chairman to call for the opponents to the legislation, there was no one present. However, until about 2:00 PM, Robert A. Kahn, of Park Drive, Boston, had been in the audience waiting to testify against the bills. GCN later confirmed with the Committee staff that Kahn had registered written opposition to the bills. He was the only opponent.

Otherfund Announces Grants

BOSTON—The Board of Directors of Otherfund, the gay community's "United Fund," announced on Monday, Feb. 10, the decisions of its Community Board on projects to be funded in the 1975 campaign.

Providing the April-June campaign meets its goal of \$38,900, the following amounts will be disbursed:

1. DOB Drop-In Center, \$1400. This is to establish a drop-in center for gay women.

2. *Fag Rag*, \$2450, to cover publishing costs for two future books.

3. Fenway Community Health Center, \$2600, to continue operation of their Wednesday night gay health program.

4. GCN, \$2480, to fund both a series of clinics to train new writers for GCN and other publications, and to establish a fund to pay nominal amounts for material submitted to GCN.

5. HCHS, \$2800, to set up a gay hotline counseling service.

6. HCHS Library, \$2122, to establish a library open to the community, specializing in literature relating to the gay community.

7. HCHS, for their Other Voices Bookstore, \$2985, to expand the present stock and develop a mail order operation.

8. Research Proposal by Robert Goodman, \$2581, comparing the states of moral development of a sample of gay

people against a straight control group. This research is based on the substantial works of Harvard Professor Lawrence Kohlberg.

9. Universalist Church for the Charles Street Meetinghouse, \$1745, to be used in refurbishing the sound system of the main hall, to make the hall usable for fund-raising purposes for the Advocacy Program (Lambda) and the rest of the gay community.

These decisions were made by the Community Board, which is made up of 15 people chosen from the gay community. (See GCN, Vol. 2, No. 2.)

With the finalization of these funding decisions, Otherfund begins its second critical stage of organizing the fund-raising campaign. Individuals are being hired to fill the positions of Executive Director, Bookkeeper, Office Manager, Publicity Coordinator, as well as securing chairpeople for each of the following six campaigns: Gay Individuals, Gay Businesses, Straight Individuals, Straight Businesses, Major Benefits, and Grants and Foundations.

Making the campaign successful will require the united support of all segments of the gay community. Many people will be needed to volunteer in the various aspects of the campaign. People with time, energy, and/or ideas should get in touch with Otherfund at P.O. Box 1997, Boston, 02105. Watch GCN's weekly calendar for details of an upcoming open community meeting.

news notes

GAY AL ANON GROUP TO FORM

The Open Discussion on Gays and Alcoholism will resume 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, February 19th at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge Street, Boston. The main purpose of this meeting will be to form a gay Al Anon Group. According to literature distributed by Al Anon, "assistance for those closest to alcoholics should be sought outside the circle of friends, relatives and neighbors." A gay Al Anon Group should be able to provide a sensitive and receptive group setting for those lives are directly affected by gay alcoholics. If you are a lover, friend, parent (or other relative) of a gay alcoholic, a gay Al Anon Group should be able to offer you a foundation upon which to reconstruct your life that may be becoming increasingly stressful as a result of a drinking problem of someone close to you.

Another topic that will be discussed is the possibility of alcoholism workshops in two upcoming conferences—The New England Gay Conference in March and the Conference on Women and Health in April. Anyone who is interested in putting energy into either of these and can't attend this meeting should contact Barbara Albenesius at 523-7664.

ROTC REFUSES GAY AD

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass.—The ROTC at Southern Mass. University has refused an ad from the SMU Gay Alliance in a flyer it printed up to announce a military ball. All campus groups and clubs were approached to place an ad in the flyer, but when the gay group wrote up the ad it was refused on the grounds that it would be offensive to parents of ROTC members. SMU Gay Alliance told GCN that they have got the support of other campus groups and clubs and they plan to pressure the ROTC to change their policies.

Pioneer Valley Lesbian News

By SHIFRA

AMHERST, Mass.—A women's conference held at U/Mass.-Amherst in January uncovered the many unfulfilled needs of lesbians in the Pioneer Valley. This led to a meeting February 6 at the Everywoman's Center at U/Mass. to develop resources in the area. It was agreed that an on-going lesbian community be established to meet varied interests and that a series of week-day workshops be held during the week of

May 5-9, followed by a weekend conference May 9-11.

The meeting reflected the multiplicity of interests and needs of women in the area. Although no specific goals were elaborated, the conference will be held primarily to give local women an opportunity to set up a lesbian community. Groups were formed to locate a site, to explore workshop possibilities, and to do publicity. It was agreed that the conference will be open to all self-defined lesbians in the Valley without regard to political philosophies.

The next planning meeting will be held Monday, February 17 at 7 p.m. at the Everywoman's Center in Goodall Hall, and all interested Valley women are invited to attend.

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"Unity in Action" Gay Conference Theme

By ABE HARUVI

Coordinators of the 1975 New England Gay Conference met at Clark University last Saturday to discuss planning and further proposals. The conference is scheduled to be held in Provincetown on March 14-16.

As voted upon by the coordinators at the first meeting, the theme of the conference will center upon gay "Unity in Action." To keep this an ongoing process, one of the first moves taken by the coordinators was a motion to establish through this year's conference a regional board of office whose function would be to interrelate all gay news and happenings and to work as an advisory group in helping gay organizations form in the New England area. This board will also be responsible for the formation of a library or archive devoted to the gay movement.

This year's conference will run along the same guidelines as last year's. Although there is still much for the coordinators to work out, it has been decided that there will be six categories of workshops at the conference. The most essential aspect of these workshops is that gay people will come together and be strengthened by the realization and understanding of one another's differences and similarities. It is only after this is accomplished that true unity can take place and action achieved.

All interested in running any workshops at the conference please notify the GCN office or please attend the next planning meeting. There will be two more meetings scheduled before the conference. The next will take place this Saturday at the GCN office at 11:00.

Gay Spring Semester Plans

BOSTON—Enrollment closes February 27 for the Institute of Homophile Studies Spring Quarter sponsored by the Homophile Community Health Service. The session lasts from March 3 to May 9 and the cost of each course is \$25.00.

"Toward Lesbian/Feminism", led by Donna Medley will be held Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Discovering and creating feminist ideology from the lesbian perspective is the theme of the course which will include study groups and self-exploration.

John Sarkisian will lead a course entitled "Politics of Gay Liberation" which will meet Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The seminar will include a general overview of ideologies: the "New Left" and anarchist movements and their correlation with the gay liberation movement.

"Historical Perspectives on Homosexuality", Wednesdays at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. will examine homosexuality in Biblical and secular history, look at historical figures who were gay, and explore attitudes toward homosexuality in other cultures both past and present. John Boswell will lead the seminar.

On Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Sara Jane Garten, a graduate student in human sexuality at New York University, will conduct a course called "Sexuality and Society". Readings and discussions of sexual identity and awareness will be the focus of this seminar.

For more information and applications for these courses, contact Donna Medley, Education Dept., HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Suite 855. 542-5188.



Songs and Politics at the Saints

By NANCY WECHSLER

The Saints was packed with over 70 women last Wednesday night sitting uncomfortably on the floor, hardly smoking or drinking. The large crowd was there to hear Meg Christian, a lesbian singer and song writer. And despite crowded conditions at the bar, and Meg's apologies for having bronchitis, her voice and energetic personality came through, loud and clear.

Meg sang and talked of what it meant to be gay, sometimes of the joys and sometimes of the pain and guilt. She sang songs and told stories about her own life as well as sung some old time 60's favorites. The oldies, including "My Girl" and "Cheri Baby" (won't you come-out tonight...) brought cheers and laughter from the crowd. Meg ended the night with "Ode to a Gym Teacher" (a favorite among women I know).

Meg has an album about to be released by Olivia records. The album is called "I Know You Know" and will be available soon at New Words Bookstore and Other

Voices. It should be a good addition to the growing number of feminist and lesbian records. Olivia Records got its name from a short story by Dorothy Strachey about lesbian passion in a girl's boarding school.

Even if I don't agree with everything Meg has to say about being a lesbian she says it and sings it with a style that makes it easy to take in and enjoy. I wish I could say the same thing for Linda, the woman who sang before Meg.

The Saints is known as a women's bar—not a lesbian bar not a straight bar, but a bar where all women can come to be with each other. Linda's assumption that every woman there was a lesbian, that all lesbians get off on hating men, that any straight woman has sold herself to the devil...made me angry enough that I almost got up to argue with her. The line between straight and gay is never so sharp, nor is there one set way you have to act to be able to say you are a dyke.

This questionnaire is here at the request of the ad staff. Dennis and Bill need specific information about you...our readers... in order to talk intelligently to advertisers. We're launching a new look at GCN March first with increased distribution and new publication date among other things, and we need and want more advertising accounts. One way to do this is to know something about our readers.

We at the staff believe our readers have particular buying habits that set them apart (and perhaps above) readers of other papers. But we need your help to get this information. So please fill out the questionnaire and get your friends to do the same.

There's postage-paid addressed form on the questionnaire, so fill it out, fold and tape it shut and drop it in the mail. We'll run the results as soon as we can tabulate them. But...LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

—GCN Staff

Personal

- Age _____ 2. Male () Female ()
- Gay _____ Bi-sexual _____ Straight _____
Married _____ Single _____
- Where do you now live? City & State only _____
- Including yourself, how many people share your residence? _____
- Do you: own your home () own your apartment ()
rent your home () rent your apartment ()?
- If you rent your residence, what is your monthly rent? _____
- What was the highest level of education you attained? grade school () some high school () high school graduate () some college () college graduate () some graduate work () Master's degree () Doctorate () other degree ()

- What is your household's average annual income? less than \$5000 () \$5000-\$7999 () \$8000-\$9999 () \$10,000-\$14,999 () \$15,000-\$24,999 () \$25,000-\$49,999 () \$50,000 & Over ()
- What kind of job do you hold?
professional/technical () managerial () have own business ()
student () clerical () sales () craftsperson () supervisory ()
retired () military () other (please specify) _____

GCN Habits

- How do you usually get GCN?
subscription () newsstand ()
bookstore () bar or bath ()
vending machine () other _____
- How many people including yourself read your copy of GCN? _____
- Which of the following would you be interested in reading in GCN?
Book reviews () () () ()
Film reviews () () () ()
Restaurant guides () () () ()
Letters to the Editor () () () ()
Celebrity Interviews () () () ()
Cooking column () () () ()
Record reviews () () () ()
Theatre reviews () () () ()
Performing Arts () () () ()
Painting & Sculpture () () () ()
Outrageous () () () ()
Editorials () () () ()
- What other magazines, if any, do you buy or subscribe to? _____
- How many books, if any, have you bought in the last three months? _____
Hard cover _____ Paperback _____

Buying and Social Activities

- Have you or any members of your household taken a vacation trip in the past 12 months? yes () no ()
- How many were weekends (1,2,3 or 4 days)? _____

- To which of the following areas have you traveled in the past 12 months? Past 5 years? (Please do not check your residence)

	12 mos.	5 yrs.
New England ski resorts	()	()
Cape Cod	()	()
New York City	()	()
Fire Island, NY	()	()
Caribbean	()	()
Montreal	()	()
Boston	()	()
elsewhere _____	()	()

- Do you have a valid passport? yes () no ()
- Do you or any member of your household have any of the following credit cards?

American Express	()
Diners Club	()
Master Charge	()
Bank Americard	()
Auto Rental credit card	()
Carte Blanche	()
Airline credit card	()
Telephone Co. credit card	()
Gasoline Co. credit card	()

- How many times have you or someone in your household flown on a commercial airline during this past year? _____
What airline(s) do you use? _____

- Do you attend any of the following events? How often each month? (please circle):

Opera/Ballet	1	2	3	4	more than 4
Legitimate Theatre	1	2	3	4	more than 4
Community Theatre	1	2	3	4	more than 4
Sports Events	1	2	3	4	more than 4
Museums/Art Galleries	1	2	3	4	more than 4
Rock/Folk Concerts	1	2	3	4	more than 4
Art Films	1	2	3	4	more than 4
Pop Concerts	1	2	3	4	more than 4
Jazz Concerts	1	2	3	4	more than 4
Symphony	1	2	3	4	more than 4
Movies	1	2	3	4	more than 4

Other entertainment(specify): _____

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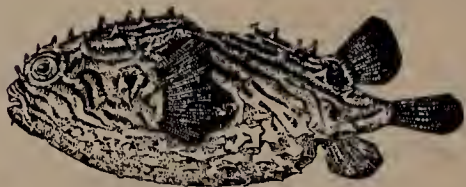
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EDITORIAL

This week space is short so the editorial will be brief. The three bills before the house on gay rights, ery for passage. The way to get the best response from your representative or senator is to write—and be specific. (See our news story for details and bill numbers.) But a good question is will these bills do the job or is it a matter of social reform? Brown-Topeka in 1950 supposedly granted equal education to all—regardless of race, but as any practical person knows, this is still not a reality. Until the minds and hearts of all people accept the concept of equality for gays and are willing to act upon it—the bills will merely give us equal protection under the law, while a social revolution will give us the status we deserve.



Swell-fish (*Chilomycterus schuppi*).

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LETTERS

Dear Staff of G.C.N.:

I am a black gay brother who has a little small hurt that has played on me for sometimes and I would like to get it off from my chest and have it out with my gay brothers and sisters.

My gripe is that in my opinion the majority of the gays in the city of Boston are the most prejudiced bunch of people I have ever encountered. And to me this is a real drag and disappointment in a life of hurt and hassle that we already have by being gay.

I have no one of my own. I go to where gay life is because I want to and what do I run across? Nothing but a brickwall of prejudice and distrust. The same with your ads section. Have you noticed how they read? G.W.M. seeking G.W.M. for etc., etc. As far back as I can remember all gay papers read the same way. We have more than the straights with our choice of sexual fulfillment because if we want to be with a woman—we can. If we want a man...we can. It's beautiful. So why can't we try and put everything together and become the gay crowd instead of G.W.M. or G.B.M.?

—Herb Gibson

Mr. Brill's article brings into accurate focus many of the thoughts of the area's populace, which is as much a cross-section of urban residents as we think can be found anywhere. Those who state that the Bay Village issue revolves around Gay-Straight animosity, landlords' defenses of property values, or oppression of society's weak and poor are more concerned with glib social philosophy than with people striving for a little better quality of life.

Thanks, David Brill, for being able to maintain a sense of reason about the meaning of the word "community" even when it is not necessarily preceded by the word "Gay."

—Braley Gray
—Leonard Phillips
—Susan Straight

Bay Village Neighborhood Association

NEED OF THE WEEK

Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS) needs several volunteer therapists to work with troubled Gays. Only people with some counseling experience should apply, and those with academic backgrounds in psychology or social work are preferred. Volunteer therapists should be prepared to commit at least 6 hours a week. Contact HCHS at 542-5188 for further information.



GAYRILLA THEATRE

Write your legislator
on lavender stationery.

Fill out the questionnaire on page 3
—please.

23. In the past 3 months, how often have you visited, or recommended to others:

	Visited	Recommended
Baths	—	—
Bars	—	—
Restaurants	—	—
Movies	—	—
Records	—	—

24. If you go to a gay bar, is it usually:

Dance bar	()
Leather/Western	()
Collegiate	()
Show bar	()
Neighborhood	()

25. Approximately how often do you dine out "in style" (that is, other than coffee shops, lunch counters and the like)?

26. Which of the following beverages have you or other members of your household served in your home or ordered when out to a bar or restaurant?

	at home	out
Fruit juices	()	()
Soft drinks	()	()
Beer	()	()
Wine	()	()
Liquor or liquors	()	()

27. How often do you drink alcoholic beverages?

once a week or more () 1-4 times a month ()
less than once a month () never ()

28. If you do drink alcoholic beverages, do you order them by brand names? yes () no ()

29. How many people have you entertained at home in the past month? (Lunch, dinner, cocktails, etc.)

30. Please check which of the following hobbies and activities you are currently engaged in:

Photography	()	Collect Antiques	()
High Fidelity	()	Attend athletic contest	()
Collecting Art	()	Motorcycling	()
Gourmet Cooking	()	Sports Cars	()
Woodworking	()	Skiing	()
Auto repairing	()	Handicrafts	()
Reading	()	Tennis	()
Painting/Sculpturing	()	Leathercrafting	()
Golf	()	Swimming	()

Other (please specify):

31. Do you or other people in your household smoke:

	You	Other people
Cigarettes	()	()
Cigars	()	()
Pipe	()	()

Your investments

32. Do you maintain a savings account? yes () no ()

33. Do you own any stocks, bonds or mutual funds? yes () no ()

34. Do you own a life insurance policy? yes () no ()

35. Please check which of the following you now own:

U.S. Government bonds	()
City or State Bonds	()
Corporate Bonds	()
Mutual Funds	()
Corporate Stock (your employer's)	()
Corporate Stock (other companies')	()
Other securities-commodities, warrants, etc.	()

Automobiles and household equipment:

36. Do you or other members of your household own a car(s)? yes () no ()

If "Yes," how many? _____

37. What make, model and year? Was it, or they, purchased new or used?

Make	Model	Year	New	Used
_____	_____	_____	()	()
_____	_____	_____	()	()
_____	_____	_____	()	()

38. Which of the following items do you or other members of your household currently own?

Record Player Equipment	()
Phonograph-TV Combination	()
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Gay Men – What a History!

By ABE HARUVI

Did you know that Richard the Lion Hearted, Plato, Michelangelo, Alexander the Great, Socrates and Shakespeare were all gay men? If you attended John E. Boswell's talk on "Homosexuality in History" at Harvard University last Sunday you would have learned that and much more.

John Boswell, a graduate of William and Mary, is a doctoral candidate in Spanish Medieval history at Harvard. "As a gay person," says Boswell, "I've been very interested in Gay History. Boswell is looking forward to soon having a book on the subject published."

Boswell cites the major problem in Gay History as a question of perspective. First the perspective as a gay person living in a heterosexual culture, then the perspective of what gayness is and just what it means. He believes that living in a heterosexual culture puts restrictions on historians. "Not all cultures are heterosexual," states Boswell. "Ours is decidedly heterosexual. Many are and have been homosexual cultures."

When it comes to defining gayness, Boswell believes that it is counterproductive, in that if you get 20 scholars together, you will get that many reactions to the answer. "My own opinion," says Boswell, "is that there is a spectrum of human qualities. Most of them fall in between being homosexual or heterosexual. A gay person is one who has thoughts of himself erotically interested in people of her/his own sex."

Boswell believes that gays are on the defensive in a heterosexual society. "It is up to us to prove that there are gays in our history." Boswell feels that it is even hard to convince gay people that they've had a full and colorful history.

The talk touched on numerous men, cultures, societies and religions and their involvement in homosexuality. Boswell spoke of the sonnets of Shakespeare, and then on to the "Code Napoleon" of 1791 which was the first law code that did not penalize male homosexual behavior, and then on to topics that even involved the derivation of the English word "bugger".

One main point brought up by Boswell was the emphasis on the differences, as proven by history, of the toleration of homosexuality in a rural culture as opposed to an urban culture. There is less toleration of homosexuality in the rural society and their involvement with the family structure than in the urban culture where more tolerance and pride in gayness is found.

Before concluding the talk, Boswell strongly pointed out with examples and references, that the ideology that gay men are only involved in the arts and that they are effeminate is false. What in fact is known to be true is that gays excel in the greats of the society in societies where they are tolerated. In societies where they are not tolerated they

excel in the highlights that other minorities enter.

Hall last Tuesday night, where 53 people were assembled in a show of support for the Stage Door bar. Under consideration by the town selectmen was whether or not to grant a beer and wine license to the Stage Door.

The Stage Door had been denied a liquor license upon complaints of two neighbors. These same two people: Mr. LaPierre, owner of a motel located across Rt. 1 from the Stage Door, and Mr. Calvin Haskell, owner of the Weathervane Furniture store located next door to the Stage Door, restated complaints such as: patrons urinating on their property, physical damage, harassment, screeching tires, and a light in the parking lot of the Stage Door being too bright. The Police Chief of the Town of Wells also read from notes he had taken in stakeouts made in answer to charges of excessive noise by the neighbors.

Speaking out in favor of the license, Bob Boisvert, the owner of the Stage Door, reported various attempts he had made to answer the neighbors' complaints. He told how he had added an extra addition onto the front of the Stage Door to cut down on noise, and hired two off-duty policemen to patrol the parking lot in front of the Stage Door as well as check nightly to determine if the noise level is too high, and installed a 400 watt light in the parking lot in order to help the policemen see that nothing irregular occurs.

Also in favor of the Stage Door, Leonard Biatte, owner of a local restaurant stated that, "though I've been there (at the Stage Door) only once, many people from there do come to my place and there has never been any trouble."

Speaking for Uncle and Auntie-Pasta House, the owner said, "My wife and I have been at the Stage Door maybe nine times since it opened (last June) and it is



photo by Dennis Brady

Wells Police Chief Carter at Town Meeting

quiet there and I have never seen any disturbance or disorderly conduct...As far as the charges of broken bottles are concerned, you see them all along Rt. 1...I feel these charges could be blown out of proportion."

At the Stage Door afterwards, 33 people joined in dancing and drinking in a private celebration of what Mr. Boisvert felt was, "a good possibility" of the license being granted.

"I didn't have to go to this meeting, I could have called it off," continued Mr. Boisvert, "but I felt that this move, even if it may hurt my business, was necessary, is only so that the town can tell us what is going on." As of now, nothing has been heard of the final decision, but a benefit is being planned by SAGA on Feb. 15 to raise money for continuation of the Stage Door. It's \$2.00 at the door, bring your own bottle, with a floor show thrown in, compliments of SAGA.

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THE FIVE-YEAR FIGHT FOR



By JOHN KYPER

It was appropriate that copies of *Society and the Healthy Homosexual* should be presented to members of the Massachusetts Legislature during the Commerce and Labor Committee's February, 1974, hearing on bills that would have prohibited discrimination against homosexuals in employment, housing, credit, mortgages and insurance. Two months later the Senate sent S.1585 to almost certain death in the Senate Rules Committee. Taking a cue from the book, reporter Jeffrey Allen of the *Boston Globe* commented upon the defeat of the 1974 gay rights bills with a column entitled, "Homophobia bars path of bills to help gays."

Since 1970 members and supporters of Boston's gay movement (and gay groups from throughout the state) have annually testified before legislative committees on behalf of a set of bills that would decriminalize consensual homosexual (and heterosexual) acts and would extend existing civil rights laws. (I have been a participant in several of these hearings, offering testimony three times.) Their first efforts went almost unnoticed, but their lobbying has become increasingly effective. While not yet successful enough to push through these bills, they were able to influence the 1974 campaign and help defeat several anti-gay candidates. The "gay vote", hitherto a nebulous concept, was coming into its own.

The most consistent target of gay lobbying has been Chapter 272 of the Massachusetts General Laws, titled "Crimes Against Chastity, Morality, Decency and Good Order." Section 34 punishes with twenty years' imprisonment "the abominable and detestable crime against nature" (commonly defined as sodomy, or anal intercourse). This law has been in its present form since 1836, and its antecedents date to 1641. Section 35, enacted in 1887, prescribes five years of a \$1000 fine for undefined "unnatural and lascivious acts." A companion, 35a, gives a stiffer penalty for acts performed "with a child of sixteen or under." Also outlawed in Chapter 272 (though with less severe penalties): fornication, adultery, lascivious cohabitation and blasphemy.

Such laws would be laughable were it not for their tragic implications. Traditionally in Massachusetts, the only legal form of sexual activity has been intercourse between a husband and wife, without contraceptives. It would be impossible and undesirable to apprehend the multi-

tudes of people who have violated 272. Whatever enforcement is made will necessarily be discriminatory, against those few who were unlucky enough to get caught.

The best known victim of these laws was Edward Rastellini. In June, 1968, he was arrested under Sections 34 and 35a for (supposedly) performing sodomy on a 16-year-old hustler with whom he was friends. He spent two years without trial in Charles Street Jail and was finally discovered by Bill Baird, the birth control advocate. Baird arranged for his bail, but Rastellini was found guilty and sentenced to five-to-fifteen years at Massachusetts Correctional Institution Walpole. He was the victim of other inmates because of his homosexual offense and the mistaken belief (spread by the guards) that he was in prison for child rape. On November 7, 1973, Edward Rastellini was stabbed to death at MCI Bridgewater.

Few cases are as extreme or as sensational. More commonplace in Massachu-

that can help get rid of the law, which can be cited in a possible test case and in future repeal attempts. In the case of an entrapment arrest since the ruling, the judge asked Rubino and the District Attorney to prepare briefs on the applicability of Section 35.

Reportedly, the first attempts to change the sex laws occurred in the 1950's, with the singlehanded lobbying of Prescott Townsend (who, despite his eccentricities, is commonly credited as Boston's first gay liberationist). But the movement's active lobbying dates back only five years, to a February, 1970, hearing in front of the Judiciary Committee. Representatives of the Homophile Union of Boston (HUB), the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB), and the Student Homophile League (SHL) appeared to testify on behalf of bills submitted by Bill Baird to repeal Sections 34, 35, 18 (fornication), and 36 (blasphemy). Their efforts rated one sentence in the *Boston Globe*, and the bills were quietly tabled.

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setts are arrests by police entrapment, at Interstate highway rest areas and in public toilets. (Most recently there has been a series of arrests at Jordan Marsh's downtown store.) Rather than actual imprisonment, victims of entrapment face the more realistic prospect of public ridicule and loss of job. In September, 1973, eleven men were arrested in a single day in a State Police stakeout in Brockton. The local *Enterprise* published the names and occupations of the eleven, including two high school teachers. When telephoned, a spokesman for the newspaper replied that "they were criminals and should be treated as such," and hung up.

Unnatural and lascivious acts, Section 35, is a statute commonly used in such arrests, although violators are often charged with other, or additional, felonies and misdemeanors, including open and gross lewdness, soliciting and disorderly conduct. Richard Rubino is a Boston attorney who has handled numerous homosexual-related cases over the last four years. He represented Rastellini before he was killed, but the bulk of his gay caseload has been entrapment arrests. He estimates that these arrests occur "at least two or three times a week" at Jordan Marsh and on the Interstates.

On November 1, 1974, the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth ruled that Section 35 could not be enforced against sexual acts performed in private between consenting adults. Ironically, the unanimous decision was made while upholding the conviction of a man who had forced a woman to perform fellatio upon him. The defendant had argued that "unnatural and lascivious acts" was unconstitutionally vague, and the Court restricted its application to cases of force.

The full scope of this ruling is not yet clear. Elaine Noble (who four days later became the first acknowledged homosexual to win an election, to the Massachusetts House) felt that the ruling was not directly applicable to gays, using the narrowest, heterosexual interpretation of the Court's action. But she saw it as a stepping stone

In the next two years Baird's petitions suffered a similar fate. This was a time of slow growth for Boston's gay organizations, when many local activists (myself included) felt frustrated and discouraged by the activities of gay liberationists in smaller cities, like Minneapolis and Rochester, and of course in New York.

By 1972 the situation had begun to change. There developed a new self-confidence among the gay community, reflected in growing political activism and the growth of institutions like the Homophile Community Health Service. In November

have extended the anti-discrimination statutes to include "sexual preference." The latter two were the first gay anti-discrimination bills introduced in Massachusetts, and their February, 1973, hearing in the Commerce and Labor Committee received sympathetic coverage in the *Boston Globe* and on WNAC-TV. Although none of these bills got beyond committee, the gay cause was attracting increasing support and sympathy, especially from liberal-activist groups like Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPPAX), the National Organization of Women (NOW) and the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (CLUM).

Until this time legislators could simply ignore gay demands. In September, 1973, Elaine Noble and HUB and DOB organized Gay Americans Day. Gays from all over Massachusetts converged on the State House to lobby among their Senators and Representatives. A few of them were openly hostile: Sen. Francis X. McCann (D-Cambridge) snapped, "I voted against it in the past and also will in the future. Get lost." Another one remarked, "If I were a landlord, I wouldn't rent to homosexuals for fear of my children." But most listened politely, and a few soon announced their support of gay rights.

In 1974 a package of gay bills was again introduced by Barney Frank and by several other sympathetic legislators. This was a gubernatorial election year, and gays eagerly took on the task of lobbying for legislative support, aided by the improved communication of the weekly *Gay Community News*, and by the psychological boost of Elaine Noble's candidacy for Representative from the Fenway, another heavily gay district. But the increased visibility also meant a more vocal opposition and more blatant attempts to dodge the issue.

The Commerce and Labor Committee approved the anti-discrimination bills after a hearing in which witnesses (including myself) documented examples of discrimination, sending the bills to the Senate floor. The Judiciary Committee, however, was openly hostile to H.2601, which would have decriminalized various consensual sexual acts. Some legislators at the March 20, 1974, hearing were concerned about the effect of legalization upon children and felt that repeal was unnecessary because the law was so seldom enforced (even though Richard Rubino testified about the Rastellini case). One committee member, Rep. Doyle (D-West Roxbury) told Barney Frank that he was "proud to say I had a proper Jesuit education." Not surprisingly, the bill received an adverse report. The Committee that day was much more sympathetic to Attorney General Robert Quinn's testimony on behalf of a toughened pornography law.

After the Commerce and Labor Committee hearings, the anti-discrimination bills were consolidated into S.1585, then voted into the Senate Rules Committee, where it died. H.5863, which would have prohibited discrimination in the Civil Service, had a more interesting history. On May 8th the bill was passed by the House on a voice vote because of its inconspicuous title, "An act to prohibit discrimination on certain preferences under the Civil Service Law." Immediately Rep. William Carey (D-Mission Hill) moved to reconsider, saying that it is "up to us to save the mor-



Barney Frank, a former aide to Mayor Kevin White and U.S. Congressman Michael Harrington, was elected a state Representative, from the heavily gay district of Beacon Hill and the Back Bay, on a platform that included the pledge to introduce gay rights legislation.

Rep. Frank kept his word and introduced three bills. One would have repealed various sex laws, and the others would

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als of the Commonwealth, or we may as well close up shop." The bill was reconsidered and defeated, but the 139-79 margin was considerably closer than gay rights advocates had expected.

Until recently the legislature had refused to take gay rights bills seriously. The opposition can be attributed to homophobia and a related fear of constituent reprisals. The heavy influence of the Roman Catholic Church in Massachusetts has resulted in similar frustrations for proponents of birth control and abortion legislation. Although Cardinal Medeiros took no stand against legalization of homosexual acts (and even gave an oblique endorsement to anti-discrimination efforts), members of the Judiciary Committee were sympathetic to representatives of Catholic churches who testified against homosexual law reform. (One Church member cited Edward Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* to support his arguments,

and other organizations, as well as from a growing number of legislators, including the entire Black Caucus. As Barney Frank put it, "The gay rights issue is no longer just a concern of the gay community...it's a litmus test of liberalism." But this new prominence also brings the dubious benefit that politicians will now lie about their gay record when speaking in front of liberal groups. Frank cites a CPPAX-sponsored Candidates' Night last May, when an aide for Governor Francis Sargent and the Republican candidate for Secretary of State both claimed that they had supported gay rights bills.

The case of Sargent is an interesting example of political expediency. Throughout the 1974 session of the Legislature, there were rumors that he might endorse the gay bills. Gays wrote urging him to make a public stand, but the most Rep. Frank was able to get from him was the pledge that he would sign the bills if they

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though the book also blames the fall on the spread of the Roman Church.)

The 1974 elections demonstrated that support of gay legislation was not the political liability many legislators had feared. Most of the pro-gay legislators were re-elected, and several opponents, including Doyle and Carey, were defeated in the primaries. The most spectacular defeat of all was that of Attorney General Robert Quinn, who was running for Governor. In a letter last winter to the president of HUB, Quinn declared, "I am more concerned with protecting the family than I am with endorsing a license for deviant sexual conduct." Gays appeared more sympathetic to his Democratic primary opponent, Michael Dukakis. In the closing week of the campaign, Quinn, badly trailing in the polls, lashed out against Dukakis' "liberal" positions on gay rights, abortion, pornography, marijuana, and busing—a desperate ploy that failed.

In five years gays have grown from a position of no political influence, to become a minority strong enough to receive support from others: the League of Women Voters, the American Bar Association,

were passed—a meaningless promise because by then the bills were already dead. Only after the September primary did Sargent endorse gay rights, because he had defeated his anti-gay opponent and he no longer had to worry about facing Quinn in the general election. So desperate was he for gay support that he sent a congratulatory telegram to the WCAS program "Closet Space" after the Supreme Judicial Court had struck down Section 35. Now that Michael Dukakis was his opponent and gay rights was no longer a "radical" issue, could Sargent endorse it in his losing bid for re-election.

If gay rights is not the political liability it had once been, passage of legislation is not yet imminent, even with a sympathetic governor taking office. The Gay Legislation '75 Committee is preparing for the upcoming session of the Legislature, and the three bills have again been introduced. But Rep. Frank warns against premature optimism. He expects that the opposition will also be more organized after last year's surprise showing of the Civil Service bill, and that passage will require several more years of effort.



REVOLUTIONARY WOMAN PORTRAYED

By DON SHEWEY

Ensemble acting at its finest can produce some enormously exciting theatrical events, and the Tania Collective (in cooperation with the New African Company) is currently proving that point with their production of "Tania." It is now running at the Cambridge Ensemble Theatre, 1151 Mass. Ave.

Conceived, written, and directed by Obie-award-winning director Maxine Klein, "Tania" features a talented, energetic 14-member cast. They enact the stage documentary of Tamara Burke, a young Argentinian-born woman who devoted her life to the post-Cuba revolutionary struggle alongside Fidel Castro and Che Guevara. As her politics and her personality are unified, her story becomes that of a strong, brave human taking into her own hands the responsibility of working to create the better world she envisions.

In superb small-theatre style, the Collective manufactures out of nothing over 200 characters in the dozens of well-defined segments that compose the story of "Tania," utilizing music (especially terrific), dance, and stylized representation to achieve an effective, textured revolutionary drama.

There are individual performances that are brilliant; but one senses that the cast has such a collective solidarity (two actresses, for instance, share the role of Tania) that none should be singled out for recognition; each actor is essential to the en-

tire production.

It is hard (perhaps inappropriate, perhaps unnecessary) to deal in general terms with the content of the play, except for two notes: 1. the Fidel Castro depicted in "Tania" is the same Castro who, shortly after the revolution, sent all admitted homosexuals (and other "undesirables") to labor camps to be "re-educated;" 2. there is a lot of heavy rhetoric and ideology thrown about in the play that must be dealt with in the theatre as it is in a political or philosophical setting—by careful and constant re-evaluation.

For this is didactic theatre at its most rewarding. Its approach to the audience is assaultive but not obnoxious, subtle yet assertive. It is at its driest, most dogmatic when it must rely on slogans ("The duty of a revolutionary is to act like a revolutionary no matter what country you are in"); it is most moving and accessible when its humanism and its humor are at play. ("I want to be a martyr," sighs Tania with a twinkle in her eye, "just like Joan of Arc, Zsa Zsa Gabor, and Joan Kennedy.")

Best of all, "Tania" is structured and presented in such a way that it is possible to be delighted and impressed by the play theatrically without necessarily accepting its political values or ideology. But chances are that you will gain from this evening of theatre some profound basis for examining your own socio-political consciousness.

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Talking Politics

THE BOSTON G-LOEB

By DAVID P. BRILL

The Power to Inform by Jean-Louis Servan-Schreiber (McGraw-Hill, 1974, \$9.95) is one of this decade's (or perhaps, century's) epic-works on the subject of media, ranking high with Marshall McLuhan's *Understanding Media*. In it, the French author makes some important observations, terming the press the "Fourth Estate"—along with the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government. He states that the power to inform "is increasing at the same rate that traditional political adhesions are breaking down."

After reading that, I thought to myself "How true!" and waved a fantasized kiss at Katharine Graham, publisher of the *Washington Post*. Too bad, I thought, that people like William Loeb, publisher of the *Manchester Union-Leader*, don't recognize quasi-sacredness of their positions in the world.

On second or third glance, however, one may see that the only difference between the *U-L* and our own beloved Bos-

ton *Globe* is the political slant. As a basis for comparison, look at each newspaper's treatment of different subjects: Governor Michael Dukakis, and the issue of gay rights.

The *Globe* never liked Dukakis—they endorsed Gov. Sargent during the election. But that dislike spread through the entire paper, so that the *Globe* became nothing but an anti-Dukakis vehicle. It ran sensationalized headlines distorting his positions, snickered at his appointments in the headlines (terming his press secretary Mary Fifeild and Cabinet Secretary Dolores Mitchell a "neophyte" and "loser" respectively), twisted the news around (two-thirds of his appointments were to persons not involved in his campaign, and the *Globe*'s headline read "One-third of appointments made to Campaign Workers"), and committed a host of other slanders off the editorial page, such as showing him on Inauguration Day being sworn in by Senate President Kevin Harrington. Harrington is over 6'4" tall—Dukakis is only 5'6" the photo made Dukakis "look small".

Even when Dukakis re-iterated his support of gay rights legislation, the *Globe*, whose editorial policy has been pro-gay of late, printed the news at the end of a news-piece headed "Dukakis says Sargent should act on economy." When Gov. Sargent announced his support for gay rights legislation, the paper ran a well-located article entitled "Sargent supports legislation for gay rights".

As most gays know, the staid *Union-Leader* has been directing its editorial venom towards gays for three years. They "exposed" Manchester's three gay bars last year in an effort that was clearly trying to emulate the *Globe*'s famous "Spotlight" team. Also last year, syndicated columnist Jeffery Hart wrote a piece calling the gay movement "a new form of terrorism"; local area newspapers (including the Boston *Herald-American* and Quincy's *Patriot Ledger*) ran the column on their op-ed page, as usual. Loeb, however, put the column in 20-point bold-face type on Page One.

The national events of the last two years have conclusively proven how necessary a free press is to a free democracy. How free, though, is the press—or the people who depend on it—when it seeks to undermine the free thoughts of its readers by letting its editorial policies creep their way from the editorial page to the feature, news, and advertising sections of the newspaper? How fair is it to criticize only the *Union-Leader* for slanting its pages strongly against gays, while the *Globe* has committed the same journalistic infractions

here—such as its very one-sided support of Paul Guzzi's campaign for Secretary of State, or its equally one-sided anti-Dukakis politics.

The Boston *Globe*, in countless editorials, has accused many public figures of "abuse of power"—accusations sent to people from Richard Nixon, to state Banking Commissioner Freyda Koplow, to my former employer, former Judge Sherwood Tarlow. Every time the "abuse of power" charge is made, the *Globe* cites the "public trust" that such persons have been given.

Discrimination works two ways. A successful case for a charge of "abuse of power" could be made for the *Globe* as well as for the *Union-Leader*. By filling its news stories with editorial judgements and innuendos that would best be saved for its editorial page, the *Globe* has become a left-wing counterpart to a newspaper that has perverted the politics of an entire state for decades. What's that about "public trust?"

Both papers are engaging in journalism of the most inexcusable and irresponsible sort.

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WONDER WHO'S KISSING HIM NOW
DEPT.: Boston City Councillor Albert L. "Dapper" O'Neil was observed entering The Other Side recently. Perhaps O'Neil and former Attorney General Bob Quinn, erstwhile homophobes if there ever were any, could share next year's GCN "Fastest Change of Consciousness" or "Strange Bedfellows" awards.

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A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

By DON SHEWEY

Minor pleasures more than anything else account for the major success of *A Little Night Music*, the 1973 Tony Award-winning musical now in a two-week roadshow engagement at the Shubert Theatre. The show's remote setting in place and time, its gentle humor, and its waltz-based music (composed, of course, by Stephen Sondheim) shape *Night Music* so that to call it "escapist" is complimentary instead of accusatory, for it is an admirable and agreeable work of musical theatre.

Inspired by Ingmar Bergman's film *Smiles of a Summer Night*, *A Little Night Music* features a catalogue of French,

British, and Scandinavian literary stock characters in a somewhat familiar scenario. In shamelessly Shakespearean style, the plot swiftly reveals the frustrating and mismatched situations of two sets of lovers and is resolved with the matching of each with the appropriate partner.

The most charming and original segment of the cast is a quintet of vocalists who weave in and out of the play like phantom narrators. One is unsure whether the quintet is a fantasy in the mind of the audience or the players are enacting a fantasy in the mind of the quintet; but this ambiguity is a superb theatrical device, the best the show has to offer.

Since author Hugh Wheeler apparently spent most of his time and talent writing exit lines for the character role of Mrs. Armfeldt, very little acting is required, and Jean Simmons and George Lee Andrews handle it gracefully as actress Desiree Armfeldt and lawyer Frederik Egerman, the middle-aged pair who reunite to resume the love affair of their youth. Margaret Hamilton (*The Wizard of Oz*' immortal Wicked Witch) as the wise old Mrs. Armfeldt plays herself, which is sufficient. The remainder of essential talent is musical and supplied by the entire cast (save Simmons and Hamilton, who struggle valiantly through their songs). Particularly outstanding are the quintet (their vocal counterpoint overture opens the show impressively) and Mary Ann Chinn, who in the role of Egerman's servant Petra gives perhaps the single most excellent solo performance on "The Miller's Son."

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The View from the Closet

By A. NOLDER GAY

LOVERS AND OTHER STRANGERS

A short time ago a seventeen year old working-class kid from a housing project in Hyde Park hanged himself by a bed-sheet in the Charles Street Jail, a hulking, grey, condemned Bastille at the unfashionable edge of Beacon Hill. His mother had refused to come downtown to bail him out after his arrest, in the stated belief that a night in this hell-hole would "straighten him out." We are told by the *Boston Globe* that he was something of a loner, a school dropout, had a history of minor brushes with the authorities, and was sometimes referred to by his peers as a "sissy" and a "faggot."

What a way to start a Valentine's Day column, eh? Yet love and death are linked in a complex set of enigma variations. To talk comprehensively of love we must consider both. Love is not given nor received in some dry abstract form. It is a melange of caring and shared responsibility involving particular persons. Similarly, it is withheld from or denied to individuals. Lacking it, we die alone, inwardly or outwardly.

Ours is a community set for perpetual confrontation with those in the larger society who seek to prevent us from expressing particularized love. Love in the abstract, disembodied love—that they can handle. But for two people to hold hands in public, to kiss, to live together, even to raise children—that they can't hack if even the most genuinely loving people are of the same sex.

So the imposition of arbitrary, even primitive moralisms disguised as law, as ethics, as "the public interest," as therapy. So the shutting off as models of "healthy relationships," the free flow of love, leads to the death of the spirit. The physical self-destruction of a young man who may indeed have been one of our own comes only in the aftermath of a social climate of ignorance, prejudice, and hidden constraint which, however rationalized, has often been murderous in its effects on human personality. Might self-acceptance



and gay love have saved this victim? We shall never know.

A recent GCN editorial suggested that we need a word to replace "lover" for those closest to us. I don't agree. As Peter Fisher points out in *The Gay Mystique*, "lover" precisely expresses the only basis for those more lasting relationships we have with others of our kind. We relate to each other as long as love lasts, not more. There are no legal ties, no formalist contractual relationships possible in an expression of love which is not socially sanctioned. "When two gay people stay together," says Fisher, "it is because they love one another, not because society has encouraged them or made it easy in any way."

Yet for every one of us who now rests secure in the love of a network of friends and perhaps of one special friend, there are ten or twenty or fifty or more who have not found such a life-line. Too many of these, unknown to us, possibly unaware of us or of their own deeper impulses, one night slip free of the coercive chains that bind them to a lonely death-in-life, in the only way they know how to deal with the social conditions which have prevented their development as full and loving human beings. Strangers to us, they are no strangers, for their deaths diminish every one of us.

Can we not take but a moment, on this festival in memory of the gentle and caring St. Valentine, to re-affirm our commitment to that bonding to which love is central? Let us not limit its scope to those we already know and cherish. Rather let us also renew our efforts to extend the network of our community of lovers to its furthest reaches. And let us keep the faith, that the wastage of personhood represented by the young prisoner's suicide need not be endlessly repeated.

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LESBIAN HEALTH EXPERIENCES
The Lesbian working group that is planning workshops for the Women and Health Conference (to be held in Boston April 4-7) is collecting personal stories and experiences of Lesbians in their contacts with the medical system. This would include such things as visits to the doctor, hospitalization experiences, experiences in seeking therapy or counseling, etc., etc.

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Please submit any stories you think might be relevant in any way to Lesbian Health Group, Box 6000, GCN, 22

pen pals



Happy Valentines Day to Penpals

James Melton, William Dunn, Ralph Freeman, Melvin Davidson, Steve Washington, Dick Long, Willie Lemon, and Robert Canaza.

Confined in Prison—Would like to find someone to correspond with. Will appreciate letters from anyone. John L. Pawlaczyk, 137-816, PO Box 69, London, OH 43140.

I'm 22 will be 23 March 22. I am black, considered very handsome, 6 ft. even, 201 lbs., brown eyes, black hair, future NFL or WFL player. My hobbies are , body building and writing poetry. Hope to be released within the year, I will answer *anyone* who finds the time to write. A friend, James Melton, P.O. Box 600, Tracy, CA 95376.

My name is William Dunn, I'm 23 years old, 5 ft. 10, 176 lbs., black eyes & hair. My hobbies are, music, drawing, and chess. I promise to answer all letters, Please Write! P.O. Box 600, Tracy, CA 95376.

My name is Melvin Davidson. I am a realist and have no illusions about myself. I see all the shortcomings, suffering and pain in humanity but am not a fatalist as I see also the innate triumph and glory of our kind. I take it from there...am interested in meeting professional people and students alike, those who have thoughts to exchange and who value a man who in friendship will remain loyal and stable throughout the shifting fortunes of time. Age, race, sex or creed is no barrier. If you are as real as I am then write. I care. Melvin Davidson 136273 Box 57, Marion OH 43302.

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personals

GWF, 26 wants to meet *any* and *all* GF couples or singles in and around the North Shore area. PLEASE! call Joan 617-662-9081 after 4 pm.

I'm going to Anchorage, Alaska for three months and would like to make contact with nice people there that YOU may know. Please call Carolyn, 617-628-1043, anytime, but soon.

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Dee—

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Gay Student Union, Billings Student Center, U. of Vermont Burlington 05401 658-3830
Goddard College Gay Students Organization, PO Box 501, Plainfield 05667 454-7174
Vermont Gay Women 862-7770, 863-3237
Women's Switchboard 862-5504

CONNECTICUT (area code 203)

East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520 436-8945
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103 547-1281

Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford 568-2656
MCC/Hartford 522-5575
U/Conn/Storrs 486-2304

NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)

Gay Women's Rap Group 772-6636
Seacoast Area Gay Alliance Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801
Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824
Women's Group, PO Box 137, Northwood 03261 (DO NOT use "gay" on any mail to this group)

MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, PO Box 1046, Bangor 04401
Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011
Gay Community Center/Gay Support and Action, c/o Bangor Tenants' Union 23 Franklin St., Bangor 04401
Gay Rights Organization (GRO) PO Box 4542, Portland 04114
Hancock County Gays, PO Box 275, Ellsworth 04605
Lambda, 7 Nancy Rd., Brunswick 04011
Maine Freewomen's Herald, Box 488 Brunswick 04011
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point 04667
Maine Gay Task Force/MGTF Newsletter Box 4542, Portland 04144
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono 04473 581-2571

COMING... Feb 12 thru Mar. 1

Fill out the questionnaire on page 3
—please.

12 wed

GCN will hold its monthly governing board meeting tonight at 7:30 pm at its office at 22 Bromfield St., Boston. All persons who work on the paper are urged to attend this important function. Paid or volunteer, all have a vote.

An Art Exhibit by Vic Martin featuring water color, pen, ink and various subjects, will be held at the Brattle House, 42 Brattle St., Cambridge Mass. The center is open 9 am to 9 pm weekdays, 9 am to 2 pm Saturdays. Feb 10-22



Bacchus and Eros (Love).

14 fri



A Valentines Dance to benefit the advocacy program at the Charles St. Meetinghouse will be taking place this evening from 9 pm-1 am. Music by Lilith, beer and dancing with your Valentine. Admission \$2.50 at 70 Charles St., Boston, Mass. For more information call (617) 523-0368.

A Valentines Dance, sponsored by the Student Homophile League and Gay Women's Caucus of U. Mass, Amherst, will be held from 9 pm to 1 am this evening. Go to Farley Lodge on U. Mass Campus or call (617) 545-0154 for more info. Admission is a mere 50¢ (who says there's inflation?).

15 sat

Dignity of Boston will have a presentation of "The Taming of the Shrew", at the Christian Formation Center, 475 River Rd., Andover, MA at 7:30 pm. Sat and Sun Feb 15 and 16. Donation \$1.00. For more information write, Dignity/Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02165.

The next Gay Legislation '75 meeting will be held at 11 am in the D.O.B. office, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, Boston. New comers welcome.

The Stage Door Revue proudly presents "Five Days and a Night" featuring: Ms. Cara Mia, Monica Lynn, Kristy, and Mr. Joe. The people involved are donating their services to help stimulate patronage which has been greatly damaged by the loss of their liquor license, (hopefully temporary). Show your support and have a great time besides, bring your own bottle to Rte. 1, Maine or call (207) 646-8431. Admission \$2.00 at 8 pm.

The Worcester Gay Union and the Clark University Gay Alliance in association with the Clark University Social Affairs Board are sponsoring a Valentine's dance, February 15, at 8:30 in Little Commons of Clark University. The dance will be a 50's-60's record hop and will introduce the Clark Gay Alliance to the Worcester gay community. This group was recently organized to provide support and resources to the gays on campus and to encourage gay studies at the university. For more information concerning the Clark Gay Alliance please write: Clark University Gay Alliance, Box 2118, Clark University Worcester, Massachusetts.

16 sun



The Boston University Gays will sponsor a Valentine's Dance from 9 pm-2 am in the George Sherman Union Ballroom on the B.U. campus, 755 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. The dance, which is open to the entire Boston community, will feature a full bar and music by Stan Foote, admission \$1. A perfect opportunity to "dance with your sweetheart."

MCC/Hartford is sponsoring a buffet at St. Paul's, 1 Amity Street (corner of Park) for \$1.50 per person. Tickets available at the door and all are invited to the 7:30 pm service with Rev. Roy Birchard of MCC/New York preaching.

Entre Nous the leather and denim club of Boston has rescheduled its Flea Market for today from 1 to 5 pm at "1270 Club", 1270 Boylston St., Boston, booths are available. Also, a bloodmobile will be stationed at 1270 and transport people wishing to donate blood to the Red Cross Center. Any one who donates blood will be invited to take part in a free brunch.

19 wed

Discussion Groups on Gays & Alcoholism will be resuming at 7:30 pm in the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, Mass.

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Help is needed working on Gay volleyball, soccer, bowling, softball, etc. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm to the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, at 7:30 pm. We would like to get something started as soon as possible.

21 fri

Mid-Winter Costume Ball for the Benefit of GCN will be held from 8 to 12 at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. Music by Lilith, Five prizes for costumes. Sell 10 tickets and get one free. \$5.00 a person. A great place to come out and celebrate. Call 426-4469 GCN for tickets.

The Boston University will present a special showing of the Christopher Larkin film, "A Very Natural Thing", at 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm in the George Sherman Union Ballroom at 755 Commonwealth Ave. on the B.U. campus, Boston, Mass. Admission is open to the public at \$1.50 per person. Don't miss this exclusive chance to see a classic gay film!

23 sun

The Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus will meet today at 2 pm. For more details call John Kyper at (617) 282-4977.

25 tues

Emilio Cubeiro, feature poet in *Mouth of the Dragon*, will read and perform with music for the Good Gay Poets, at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston at 8 pm this evening. A donation will be requested and appreciated. This will make for a very rewarding night.

26 wed

Public hearing on H.2944, a bill repealing prohibitions against certain sexual acts, before the Joint Judiciary Committee at 1:00 pm, Rm. 222, State House, Boston

27 thur

ABC Wide World Special will feature a show on Homosexuality, this evening, channel 5 at 12:30 am and channels 6 and 9 at 11:30 pm.



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Active Gays will hold their monthly brunch today at 11 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Come and join the activities.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, noon on Thursday prior to the date of publication.

everyweek

MONDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
5:30 pm—Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge, Mass.
7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7-11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:30 pm—HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.
7 pm—MCC/Providence, Love-Feast Pot-Luck supper, 75 Empire St.

TUESDAYS

7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm—MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows.
8 pm—Springfield Gay Alliance, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays: First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield
7-11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:30 pm—HUB Coming Out Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.
7:30 pm—Gay Women's Rap, Exeter, NH, (603) 772-6636.
8:00 pm—Rap on sexuality, MCC/Boston, 131 Cambridge St., Boston (except first Tues. of the month).

WEDNESDAYS

12 noon-8 pm—Providence Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.
2:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance gay/straight rap, group one, Rm. 108.

7:00 pm—Straight-Gay Rap, Conference Room, UConn Infirmary, (side entrance), Storrs, Ct.
7:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance Men's Rap, 2nd floor, campus center
7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, North Dartmouth, Mass.
7:30 pm—Waltham-Watertown Gays, meet and supp. (2nd and 4th Weds.): Box 7100, c/o GCN
7:30 pm—Worcester Singles Rap, (617) 756-0730 for details
8 pm—MCC/Providence, prayer and rap group, 75 Empire St.
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7-11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
7:30 pm—HUB TV Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston

THURSDAYS

6:00 pm—Gay Alliance Business Meeting at UConn, Downstairs lounge of Manchester Hall, Storrs, Ct.
6:00 pm—Otherfund, Inc. meeting, call GCN (617) 426-4469, 2-4 pm for place.
7:00 pm—Gay A's (alcoholics) 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Mass. 752-8330
7:30 pm—Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine
7:30 pm—Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Lord Jeffrey's Hair Salon, Amherst Inn, Amherst
7:30 pm—MCC Ecumenical Choir practice, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
7:30 pm—Gay Women's Caucus and Rap, UMass/Amherst, Campus Center

8:00 pm—KALOS, Hartford Conn. at Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Farmington Ave. and Sigourney St.
8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
8:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Group, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge
9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
7 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Me.

FRIDAYS

11:00 am—SMU Gay Alliance lesbian rap, Gay Alliance office
12:30 pm—UMass/Boston Gay Group, Columbia Point, College II, room 620
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union
7 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
7:30 pm—HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston
7:30 pm—Worcester Gay Alcoholics Group, 756-0730.
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Room 509
3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM
8:00 pm—East Conn Gay Alliance 889-7530

7 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor Maine
9:00 pm—UConn Gay Alliance Coffee House, Inner College Trailer, "R" lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, Ct.

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
4-5 pm—MCC/Providence services, 74 Empire St.
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 942-2094
2:30 pm—"Gay A's" Alcoholics rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first and third Sundays)
4:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine
6:30 pm—MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm—MCC/Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence. 831-3773
7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31
7 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:00 pm—"Burlington After Dark" bi-weekly radio show, WRUV-FM, 90.1 MHz.

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